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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/841,284  
Confirmation No.: 4716  
Filing Date: April 24, 2001  
Inventors: Vinegar et al.  
Title: IN SITU THERMAL  
PROCESSING OF A COAL  
FORMATION TO INCREASE  
PERMEABILITY/POROSITY  
OF THE FORMATION

§ Examiner: G. A. Suchfield  
§ Art Unit: 3672  
§ Atty. Dkt. No.: 5659-06000/EBM

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**  
(under 37 CFR § 1.114)

This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of application number 09/841,284, filed on April 24, 2001, entitled IN SITU THERMAL PROCESSING OF A COAL FORMATION TO INCREASE PERMEABILITY/POROSITY OF THE FORMATION.	
Inventors:	Vinegar et al.
Examiner:	G. A. Suchfield Art Unit: 3672
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**Application Elements**

1. ☒ Filing Fee

A Fee Authorization Form authorizing a deposit account debit for the RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is enclosed.

2. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

3. Amendments

☒ An amendment is enclosed.

☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

☐ Please consider the arguments in the response filed on \_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

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**Match and Return**

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5. ☐ Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time

6. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

If an extension of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) is necessary to prevent the above referenced application from becoming abandoned, the appropriate extension of time is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5659-06000/EBM.

Respectfully submitted,



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1. Request for Continued Examination	\$750.00
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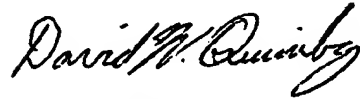
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The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fee or other fees that may be necessary to the same account number. If the above-mentioned account is found to have insufficient funds, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5659-06000/EBM.

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